

**Council on Postsecondary Education
May 21, 2007**

**Master of Science in Athletic Training
University of Kentucky**

ACTION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the Master of Science in Athletic Training (CIP 51.0913) proposed by the University of Kentucky.

The University of Kentucky proposes a master's program designed to accommodate both National Athletic Trainers Association certified athletic trainers and NATA certification "eligible" athletic trainers. The goal of the program is to develop critical consumers of research and accepted clinical practices; advanced health care providers; and leaders in the clinical, education, and research endeavors of the profession.

Job opportunities for graduates include positions with professional sports teams and in the clinical setting of high school, college/university, and sports medicine clinics. Graduates also could teach at the university level, direct discipline specific educational programs, and collaborate with other professionals on various issues related to athletic training.

Coursework and clinical experiences are designed to develop skills necessary to conduct research and increase proficiency in injury prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. The curriculum of the program will be composed of: (1) a required core in scientific methodology in athletic training, (2) advanced coursework in musculoskeletal evaluation and rehabilitation in athletic training, (3) advanced areas of specialization in biomechanics consistent with the student's related discipline and clinical expertise, and (4) a research project or thesis.

This proposal was posted to the online Kentucky Postsecondary Program Proposal System for review by the Council staff and other postsecondary institutions. The UK Board of Trustees approved the program at its December 12, 2006, meeting.